

Director's Order #41: Wilderness Preservation and Management

Introduction

The purpose of **Director's Order #41** is to provide accountability, consistency, and continuity to the National Park Service's wilderness management program, and to otherwise guide Servicewide efforts in meeting the letter and spirit of the 1964 Wilderness Act. This Director's Order will clarify, where necessary, specific provisions of National Park Service Management Policies; and will establish specific instructions and requirements concerning the management of all National Park Service wilderness areas.

Director's Order #41 should be applied to management actions carried out within the framework of a park's general management plan, the Government Performance and Results Act, a park's natural and cultural resources plans, and the park's wilderness management plan.

It is important to note that policies may in some instances be superseded by statutory provisions that apply to individual wilderness areas, by rights reserved by former landowners and, in Alaska, by applicable provisions of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA).

Current Policy

To obtain the most current edition of **Director's Order #41**, visit the National Park Service Office of Policy website. Director's Order #41 is located on the Internet at www.nps.gov/policy/DOrders/DOrder41.doc.

For more information

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